

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.

About ten o'clock last Monday evening the barn of Ed. Emery, Jr., was on fire. The alarm was sounded, but as the fire was in the Connecticut river was not safe for teams, the engine was left at home and the company went over on the ice on foot. After two hours of hard work with pails the house was saved. Everything else, two barns, a circular silo and sheds were burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is a mystery as every one was in bed when Mr. Emery returned from the lodge and found the big barn on fire.

Monday and Tuesday the village was full of would-be school teachers who were busy taking the examinations.

Those who attended the lecture Tuesday evening by Rev. Thomas Tillier on "Why I left the Methodist church," were well repaid.

The young ladies who had charge of the Sabbath School concert at last Sabbath are to be commended for the success of the occasion, which was due to their efficient efforts in carrying out a well arranged programme.

W. H. Burbank and Co., and Ritchie & Warden say, "One of Harmless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

WEST BARNET.

Several in this vicinity are victims of cancer-rash.

The lecture given by Rev. Mr. Jackson last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society was well attended and much enjoyed.

Miss Sarah Brock of Lowell visited her brother, William Brock, and other friends here the first of the week.

WEST BURKE.

Golden Wedding.

About eighty people attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Powers on Tuesday, March 30. A bountiful dinner was served from 12 until 2 furnished by Mrs. Powers. Rev. P. N. Granger of Irasburg made some timely remarks, responded to feelingly by Mr. Powers. Rev. P. N. Granger's uncle, by the same name, married Mr. and Mrs. Powers 50 years ago. Ramsel Johnson of West Concord and David Johnson of Newark, brothers of Mrs. Powers, and her sister Mrs. Steel of Stansford were present at the wedding fifty years ago. A beautiful poem was read, written for the occasion by Mr. Townsend, also one by Miss Rose Cummings, George Smith and A. L. Aldrich. Letters sent by three granddaughters in California, were read, also one from a niece in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Will Smith of Worcester and Mrs. S. A. Nelson of Boston. George Smith arranged for paper on the golden wedding from Mrs. Steele, silver salt and pepper shaker, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Lyndonville; \$3 in gold from a cousin in Bradford; a china sugar bowl and creamer, gold ornamented, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood of St. Johnsbury; six gold banded tumblers, Rev. G. H. Wright and wife; gold banded china cake plate, Mrs. Ernest Way; gold banded cracker jar, Dr. and Mrs. Sleeper; silver tray from friends at Wells River; ink well and tray and gold pen, gold lined orange set and many other presents were sent by friends. Quite a sum of money was presented by the friends in town. It was a day long to be remembered by the many friends who were there.

Miss Colby of Danville is here attending the teachers' examinations and is stopping at Dr. Dickerman's. Reginald Cole of Danville is also visiting there.

Mrs. Smith of Lyndonville visited her sister, Mrs. Bach, on Wednesday.

Eugene French has moved to the Spencer farm. Mr. Spencer has gone to Massachusetts to work.

We are to have another doctor in town. Dr. Ward Nois moves here next week.

Our community was saddened Monday, March 22nd, by the death of Lorenzo Warren, of pneumonia. Mr. Warren was a kind neighbor and a well known man in all the walks of life. He held many town offices, was a member of the Methodist church and superintendent of the Sunday School, where he will be greatly missed. He was a member of the Old Fellows and D. O. R., who mourn his loss. Mr. Warren leaves a widow, Mrs. Isabel Marshall, to whom he was married about four years ago, two sons and two daughters, Mrs. N. C. Clifton, Mrs. Frank of Lowell, Mass., Mrs. Nellie Gaskill and Ernest of this place, who have the sympathy of all. Funeral services were held from his residence on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Wright officiating.

Mrs. Harley Powers is very low. Her niece, Mrs. Kate Dow of Boston, is here caring for her.

Mrs. Lucy Hartwell is visiting her son at Plymouth, N. H.

Mrs. Mary Ainger and Miss Grace Denmore visited at Sherbrooke last week.

EAST CONCORD.

C. D. Root has finished hauling lumber to his mill and has nearly as much as he had last spring. Mr. Root says this week in Boston on a business trip.

Henry Couvey recently lost a fine cow by an accidental hanging in a stallion of the stable.

Charlie Fisher will work again for Eliza Brown in Waterford for six months the same as last year.

Mrs. Nelson Wallace is convalescing from her recent illness.

Richard King recently saw two wild geese flying north.

Archie Weir will go to New York to work for the Warner Bros. in their business this summer.

Austin Fisher has been sawing wood for Leon Fisher this week.

WEST CONCORD.

George S. Garvin has moved to Danville.

Miss May Wadleigh, who has been visiting friends in Lowell, Mass., for the past month, has returned home.

Mrs. R. A. McKelvey and daughter visited friends in Whitefield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Tatro and daughter of Biddeford, Maine, are visiting at C. Milmore's.

Mrs. Warren Temple of Lancaster is staying with her son, L. W. Hastings.

Elmer Reed has finished clerking for J. D. Prve and Leonard A. Smith has taken his place.

Miss Hattie Williamson is in St. Johnsbury this week tending store for her sister, Miss Ella Williamson, who is in Boston.

The sugar season is now under full sway and farmers are expecting an extra good year.

DANVILLE.

Thomas Williamson of Bradford has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Richard Cole, for the past two weeks.

Mrs. F. A. Wright is in Boston this week selecting her spring and summer millinery. Miss Trail, who has been taking in both Boston and New York styles, will trim for her this season.

Mrs. Clara Richards has returned from Woodsville.

The members of the Eastern Star will present a drama in the near future.

The monthly meeting of the Village Improvement society will be held at the library on Saturday evening, April 10. An interesting evening is being planned for by the committee.

The whist club met at M. V. B. Sargent's last Tuesday evening.

W. F. Worthen has been confined to the house a few days.

Reynold Cole is visiting his aunt at West Burke.

Miss Sadie Colby has been attending the teachers' examination at West Burke this week and Miss Lilla Hodgden and Ethel Bagby at Lyndon.

Miss Williametta A. Preston is agent for the "Peats" wall paper and has a large line of samples she will be pleased to show.

There will be a special communication of Washburn Lodge, F. & A. M., on Saturday evening, April 3d. Work on the third degree.

C. H. Wilson says, "One of Harmless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

WEST DANVILLE.

F. M. Aiken had quite a tussle with a lively three-penny picker which he caught in the pond here recently, but he finally succeeded in landing his prize safely on the ice.

Ralph C. Merrill entertained his Sunday School classmates at his home Wednesday evening.

Archie Pope, who recently had an operation performed on his head, is improving and his friends hope to soon see him out again.

George Merrill is improving his house by the addition of a bay window.

The first timbers were placed in the new dam on Wednesday, but since then the storm has hindered the out-of-door work.

Sugar makers commenced work this week and in the warm places are getting a fine run of sap.

George Merrill and wife spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. L. Hopkins at East Peacham.

Ralph C. Merrill visited his aunt last Saturday at St. Johnsbury.

D. C. Farrington and F. M. Aiken say, "One of Harmless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

GREENSBORO.

Most of the sick ones are on the gain.

Our item last week in regard to the death of Mr. Goodrich, was slightly incorrect. Mr. Goodrich's home was in Woburn, Mass., instead of Malden, and he left three little boys instead of two, as we reported.

Miss Rena Goodrich has returned home, after attending her brother's funeral.

There is talk of a cheese factory here.

Miss Mabel Gould will teach the village school another year.

HARDWICK.

J. H. Drew of St. Johnsbury was in town Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

The "O" supper held by the United Workers at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. About \$10 was realized for the church treasury.

The drink list was: Opportunity, Ours, Ordinary Oolong, Obrian's Odds, Obdurate Oblongs turned out to be simply baked beans. Ovarious Orates, nothing but boiled eggs. Ornate Ostentations took the cake and Obscure Originals was the very proper name for mince pie.

Sole O's and Ominous Order brought to you plate roast beef and pork. Overland Outcomes and Opague Overland Outcomes were funny names for white bread and brown bread. Butter and cheese went to the table under the assumed name of Ornamental Offerings.

Oleaginous Orals, alias doughnuts. Dessert, Out of Order, Toothpicks.

Sugar makers report large runs of sap Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The sugar made so far is of extra quality.

The sleighing is all gone in the village and wagons have come back for good.

The younger son of Willis Still is at work for the firm of Taylor & Welch.

Stephens, Stevenson and Michael have formed a partnership for the manufacture of granite monuments.

J. H. McLean's block on the corner is undergoing a considerable amount of repairs.

The ground now occupied by Taylor & Welch has been changed by taking out the stairway that went up in the center of the building thereby putting the whole of the front of the ground floor into one large room. The front windows will be replaced by large plate glass throughout, 8 1/2 feet high, giving fine show windows. The second floor is being cut up into office rooms. Taylor & Welch will occupy the southwest corner rooms for their law office, making them a very fine location. A. B. Thomas will also have a law office on this floor.

The third floor will be remodeled for the Knights of Pythias, giving them commodious and pleasant quarters.

W. W. Marshall has rented his third floor office rooms in his brick block on Main street to the Woodbury Granite Co. S. P. Wheeler has advertised his household goods for sale at auction, to be sold at McLund & Aiken's auction rooms next Saturday. Mr. Wheeler's three daughters will go to Denver, Col., this

spring to reside with the family of their brother Albie. Mr. Wheeler and his son Harry, will remain here until fall when they will go to Denver to reside. The many friends of the Wheeler family will be sorry to have them move away. They were very popular and helpful in church work.

The new steam laundry to be put into the basement of the George Kimball block on Main street north of the bridge is nearly ready for business. It will be operated by Mrs. McLane.

R. G. Kimball, who has been on the sick list and confined to the house for some days is somewhat better.

Miss Bessie Titus goes back to Burlington on Monday. She has a position in the kindergarten class of music in the Burlington school of music.

Adams Philbrook and Edward Allen are soon to go on the road with team selling the products of F. H. Mead's over-all factory located at Moores, N. Y.

The young ladies and gentlemen have made use of the snow crust of late in the early morning for tobogganing. Some fine sport is reported in this line.

EAST HARDWICK.

A. H. Smith was in Hyde Park Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Bugbee of Newport is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farr.

Dr. Bailey of Danville was in town Tuesday.

Bert Jameson has moved his family to Marshfield.

E. L. Denmore has the remainder of his goods packed ready to send to Barre and the store is now vacant.

Frank Hubbard of Danville was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Williamson and daughter spent Sunday with her parents in Hardwick.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson went to St. Johnsbury Tuesday.

Elmer Aliston has gone to Troy to work.

LUNENBURG.

Miss Jennie Silsby, who has been spending the winter at the conservatory of music, was called to Florida last week by the serious illness of her brother, Milo Silsby.

Several members of the Epworth League of Lancaster came over here last Monday evening and joined with the local league in an autograph social. The evening was spent with recitations, and music, and refreshments of cake and coffee were served to all.

Burt Cutting came home from Portland last week to visit his old friends.

Miss Gertrude Coburn returned from Newport last week where she has been spending some time with her aunt.

Harry Silsby of Lyndonville was in town last week visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Sanborn has accepted a position as teacher in one of the schools at Albany, Vt., and will soon leave for that place to commence her new duties.

Mrs. Dexter goes to Jefferson to live in a short time. Her son Harry accompanies her.

Mrs. Homer Walker has recently been quite sick with grip.

LYNDON.

At the annual meeting of the Lyndon academy and graded school held last Tuesday evening the following list of officers were elected: Moderator, J. M. Weeks; clerk, William H. Richardson; treasurer, S. S. Mattocks; collector, George P. Ide; auditors, H. H. Frye, I. H. Hall, H. F. Phillips; prudential committee for three years, Dr. W. C. Blake and W. N. Hubbard. For the first time in many years Mr. Chase is not on the board, his term with that of J. G. Hadley having expired. A school year of 36 weeks divided into three terms was voted to be maintained; also to raise a tax of 60 cents on the dollar or 55 cents if paid on or before October first.

Owing to the absence of Pastor Fisk there were no services in the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Fisk returned, however, in time to officiate at the funeral services of the late Walter Wright of St. Johnsbury Centre.

The Misses Chase are spending their week of vacation from school duties at Northfield, Mass., at home.

William Dowland recently met with a severe accident by being thrown from his sled. Several ribs were broken and he was otherwise painfully injured.

McINDOE FALLS.

George Dewey of Swampscott, Mass., is here on a short visit at his mother's.

Rev. Mr. Service of Barnet preached a most excellent sermon here last Sunday.

Mr. Alburt, who spends the greater part of every year upon the sea, is visiting his wife.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of W. H. Gilchrist, on Friday last week, by about 50 Knights of Pythias and their friends.

The item published in last week's CALEDONIAN, stating that Will Dickson was greatly improved in health, and would return home next week, was an error. Mr. Dickson is much better than when he left home but upon the advice of Dr. Nelson of New York, he will not return here for some weeks to come, and will first take a trip West visiting his brothers in Utah and possibly California.

Miss Ida Ford spent last week at St. Johnsbury as the guest of Mrs. Carl McClay.

PASSUMPSIC.

The Christian Endeavor society will give a social and sugar party at the church vestry on Thursday evening, April 8.

We are glad to report the sick ones as much better and no new cases.

The sugar makers are having rather lively times this week. A good sugar season is confidently expected.

PEACHTAM.

Mrs. A. P. Renfrew, J. C. F. Richter and L. J. Albree say, "One of Harmless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Death of Walter Wright.

Walter Wright, one of the eldest citizens, residing from boyhood in this town, fell asleep last Saturday, after a gradual failure of his physical powers, and his mortal part was laid in the little cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Wright was almost eighty years of age, had been active and vigorous till

within five years, and seemed younger and stronger than he really was. He will be missed in every circle where the good man is usually found, and neither young or old will soon forget the earnestness and pathos of his address to his young friends on the last Sunday evening when he was permitted to be in the meeting house of his love.

The service at his late residence on Tuesday was conducted by Rev. P. B. Fisk, (whom he desired to perform this office for him when he should have passed away), assisted by Rev. E. F. Clark, the Methodist pastor in charge, who had also ministered to him in his last sickness.

To Mr. Fisk he said, when arranging (on the 22nd) for this final service, "I want you to come and say a few words to my neighbors and friends over my poor body. Will you?" And then he reaffirmed his own unworthiness, shortcoming, and hopelessness save for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, even though he had endeavored to obey his commandments, and walk humbly before Him. All those who have known his Godly walk and conversation can understand both the confession and the faith. "I do not know or believe that I have an enemy," he said.

Rev. Mr. Clark opened the service with a brief reading of scripture and prayer. Mr. Fisk made a brief address from Prov. 14: 22, "the righteous hath hope in his death," dwelling textually on the three important words, and exhorting all others to aim also for that goal. The scriptures on which this hope rests were read at the close of the address.

The Christian Endeavor society, many members of which were present, sent their token of affection in a beautiful pillow of flowers, surrounding their well known initials. A mounted wreath of sunflowers, jessamine and roses containing the words, "Uncle Walter," was placed near the well loved face of the sleeper, it being the token of the immediate family.

Between the two flower-pieces already named was a bank of Easter lilies, callas, roses and carnations, brought by the relatives from Providence, R. I., and two palm branches crossed and tied with a bunch of Easter lilies, represented the love and confidence of a sister, while pansies from Waterford, and daisies from the neighbors, heightened the colors, and testified to the esteem of all for the good man.

The service at the cemetery was very brief—a word of prayer and benediction, emphasizing the "resurrection and the life"—and those who "sorrow not without hope" dispersed to take up again their several duties.

Mr. McFarland is slowly improving.

Miss Jennie Williams, who has been visiting at Mr. Learned's, returned home last Thursday.

Mrs. James Learned was called to Littleton Thursday on account of the illness of her sister.

Lizzie Bean visited with Ella McLaughlin one day last week.

Almira Goss is visiting at Mr. McLaughlin's this week.

Rev. H. N. Pringle preached at the Congregational church last Sunday and will also supply the pulpit the coming Sunday.

There will be a social in the vestry of the Congregational church next Monday evening under the auspices of the Loyal Temperance Legion. Warm sugar will be served. Admission, 15 cents.

M. D. Park and L. D. Stiles say, "One of Harmless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

ST. JOHNSBURY EAST.

Misses Carrie Griswold and Bertha Lee are spending their vacation at their homes in this village.

Mrs. G. W. Patterson and Mrs. Frank Colbigh are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Robertson of Woodsville, N. H., were in town the past week.

Miss Stella Gates has returned from Lisbon, N. H.

George Copp is carrying on George Chase's sugar place in Kirby.

E. P. Carpenter goes to Boston next Tuesday on a week's business trip.

A. H. Lyster has the basement of his new barn put in and hopes to raise the rest of the building this week.

About 50 friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Curtis gave them a surprise last Saturday evening, the occasion being Mrs. Curtis' birthday. Several valuable gifts were bestowed, refreshments were served and a social evening spent.

Letters to St. Johnsbury People.

Mrs. Hooker, St. Johnsbury.

MADAM—Mrs. William Martin, 55 Washington street, Fushing, N. Y., says our Harmless soap has reduced her soap bill from \$13 a year to \$7.50.

She keeps a boarding house and uses lots of soap. Before using Harmless she used to buy a quarter's worth of soap a week (6 cakes). At first she bought only five bars of Harmless at a time; used three a week.

Afterwards she bought Harmless by the box—100 bars. It lasted over a year. After it became dry she didn't use over two bars a week; in some cases only three bars in two weeks. Figure this out by the year:

Six cakes a week @ 25c . . . \$13.00 a year
One box Harmless—100 bars 750 a year

A saving of \$5.50 a year

It's old saying that "the soap that costs most by the pound costs least by the year," but it's a true one. Mrs. Martin has learned that a high priced soap is a great deal cheaper than a low priced.

Yours truly,
C. H. Post & Co.
Newburgh, N. Y.

After using a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm you will be sure to buy the 50-cent size. Cream Balm has no equal in curing catarrh and cold in head. Ask your druggist for it or send 10 cents to us.

ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

I suffered from catarrh three years; it got so bad I could not work; I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well; I should not be without it. A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston.

Extreme cold produces on the skin the same sensations as those due to extreme heat, so that if a person touch a piece of cold iron which has been subjected to intense frost the result is the same as if the piece of iron had been drawn from the fire nearly red hot.

A FEMALE MEMBER.

EVERY GANG OF COUNTERFEITERS HAS CONTAINED A WOMAN.

It is a weakness of the sex, and they are frequently very clever—Some of the Women Who Have Been Convicted of Making and Passing "Queer" Money.

Women have a weakness for counterfeiting. The first person ever executed for that crime was a woman. She was an English woman named Barbara Spencer and was put to death in 1721 for making false shillings. She was strangely enough and burned at the stake. Curiously enough, her accomplices were acquitted.

Nancy Kidd was one of the most remarkable female counterfeiters ever known in this country. She belonged to a family of noted forgers. She carried on her nefarious trade for more than 30 years in Chicago, and was arrested there many times. On one of these occasions a lot of fiber paper was discovered on her person. The government officials were completely at a loss to know how she had obtained this. Finally she confessed that a chemical solution had been used to wash the faces of the notes and make them perfectly clean. Thus she was in the habit of taking \$1 bills and changing them into larger denominations. The government authorities released her in return for this valuable information and for telling them what the solution was. However, they had her shadowed by detectives and finally caught her with \$17,000 worth of counterfeit money in a box. She was found guilty upon seven different indictments for counterfeiting and was sentenced to eight years in the state prison, where she finally died.

One of the cleverest tricks ever played on Uncle Sam was invented by a woman who lived in Philadelphia. Her plan was to take \$10 and \$20 goldpieces and with a small drill worked by steam power to bore out the insides and then refill them with some base metal, being very careful that they should weigh exactly the right amount when she had finished. This she accomplished by drilling through the milled edge of the coin, and then, after filling the hole, cover it with a little of the extracted gold.

In this way she made \$7.50 on every eagle and about \$16 on every double eagle. The officials of the secret service say that this is the safest device ever invented for cheating the treasury.

Counterfeiting is very apt to run in families. This, of course, is natural, as a father brings up his son or daughter to follow his profession. Women who would otherwise be good are often led into this sort of crime by marrying men who carry it on as a business. But sometimes it works the other way—women teach their husbands how to make false money. This is what happened when Ben Boyd married Mary Ackerman of Indiana.

Her father was one of the most successful counterfeiters of his day, and his daughter had a thorough acquaintance with the art. Mrs. Boyd carefully taught her husband all the secrets of the trade, and he became one of the most famous forgers of the age.

They carried on the business with such a high degree of skill that they were not captured for years, and when at last the secret service Hawks did run them down not a single counterfeit plate, note or coin was found in their possession. When their house was searched, \$8,000 in good money was found. This small amount was all the money they had accumulated during all their years of crime. Of course the officials could not touch it. Afterward sufficient evidence was secured to convict them and they were sent to prison.

They both claimed to be converted while in state prison, and after their release settled in Chicago, where they apparently lived an honest life.

A case that amazed the secret service very much was that of a woman who employed a clever lodge. She went to a large shop and selected a valuable shawl. To pay for this she handed the clerk a United States treasury note for \$1,000.

He took the money and disappeared, not returning for several minutes. When he came back, she asked him why he had kept her waiting, and he confessed that he had taken the bill to a bank near by to be sure that it was good. She pretended to be very angry and said that she would not buy the shawl on any account and walked out of the shop.